

My Imaginary Time Travel Adventures

In my imagination I have made interesting and varied use of a time machine.

To begin with I went back to 1914 and prevented the assassination of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austro-Hungary. This change in the timeline caused the absence of World War One, prevented the fall of Tsarist Russia, maintained the balance of power between the “Great Powers” of Britain, France and Germany, prevented the fall of the Ottoman Empire, prevented the creation of The Soviet Union, prevented the rise of Fascism in Italy and Nazism in Germany, prevented the Wall Street Crash and the Depression, prevented the Holocaust and the Second World War, delayed the development of nuclear energy and atomic weapons, prevented the rise in world power of the United States of America and the Cold War and, perhaps most importantly of all, stopped Country and Western music from entering the popular music charts.

On my second trip into the past I located Moses on Mount Sinai, kidnapped him, took him to a remote island, somewhere in the Pacific Ocean and stranded him to live out the remainder of his life as a “Robinson Crusoe”. Without the continued influence of Moses the tribes of the Israelites returned to the worship of their polytheistic gods: El, Yahweh, Ashera, Ba’al Hadid, Astarte and others. Consequently the obscure concept of monotheism never rose to great significance in the world. By the 21st Century the population of the Planet Earth had a variety of belief systems and philosophies including Polytheism, Atheism, Agnosticism, Stoicism, Taoism and Buddhism. Monotheism never became very popular although some of the Stoics maintain that there is unity in nature in the form of an abstract “Monad”.

On my third trip into the past I took advanced weapons back to the Americas in 1491 and armed all of the tribes and civilisations from Tierra Del Fuego in the South to the Arctic Circle in the North with Kalashnikovs, Hand Grenades, long range mortars and Teflon body armour. Consequently Christopher Columbus, Conquistadors, Pilgrim Fathers etc. never got a toehold in any part of the Americas and Europeanised American countries like Brazil or the U.S.A. never came into existence.

The day after that some bastards from some sort of Poul Anderson style “Time Patrol” came and reset the timeline. Bastards! Waste of time.